

## Message Text

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SUBJ: SOVIET POSITION ON NORTHERN TERRITORIES

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1. SOVIET PLEDGE TO RETURN HABOMAI AND SHIKOTAN UPON CONCLUSION OF PEACE TREATY FIRST APPEARS IN ARTICLE 9 OF 1956 JOINT STATEMENT MARKING RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TOKYO AND MOSCOW. FONOFF FIRST EUROPEAN DIVISION EXPERTS SUPPOSE THAT THIS IS STILL SOVIET POSITION ON FUTURE DISPOSITION OF HABOMAI AND SHIKOTAN, ALTHOUGH STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REITERATED IN RECENT YEARS.

2. JAPANESE OF COURSE REMAIN FIRM IN THEIR BELIEF THAT DISPOSITION OF HABOMAI AND SHIKOTAN CANNOT BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY FROM THAT OF ETOROFU AND KUNASHIRI, AND THAT ALL FOUR ISLANDS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO JAPAN FORTHWITH. GIVEN STRENGTH OF POLITICAL PRESSURE IN JAPAN TO MAINTAIN THIS POSTURE, AND LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR ANY IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW, POSITION LIKELY TO REMAIN INTACT FOR FORE-SEEABLE FUTURE.  
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